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*Honour the LORD with thy substance.
Train up a Child in the Way he should go: and when he is
old he will not depart from it.*

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BRIEF ACCOUNT, &c.

THIS School was instituted by several Protestant Dissenting Ministers, and others, of different denominations, in the year 1714, which was a period of signal deliverance from common danger. It was formed upon those Christian principles in which they all agreed; and is supported upon this liberal plan, without any respect to one denomination in preference to another.

At first only *forty* Boys were received; but the next year, Providence smiling on the benevolent institution, the number was increased to *fifty*; and in the year 1785, (in consequence of the truly noble and public spirited generosity of several ladies) *ten* Girls were added: which number was increased to *twenty*, in 1788; and in 1793, to *thirty*.

The Boys are annually cloathed and taught reading, writing, and arithmetic, to fit them

for civil life. The Girls likewise are annually cloathed and taught reading, writing, and plain work, to qualify them for domestic employment; and all the children are constantly instructed in the principles of the Christian religion, with a view to their spiritual and eternal welfare.

The Boys, when dismissed the school, are put Apprentices to proper Masters, to whom premiums are given; and the Girls placed in reputable Families.

As the execution of so extensive a plan must be attended with considerable expence, which is principally defrayed by voluntary contributions, the charity is earnestly recommended to the patronage of the serious and benevolent, whose desire is to glorify God, advance the interest of piety, and promote the happiness of the rising generation.

To implant in the minds of the Children a just abhorrence of the destructive principles of the Church of Rome, which are inimical to the civil and religious liberties of mankind, Fox's Martyrology has been given to the school, in which the Boys read publicly once a-week.

That

That those to whom this address is respectfully presented, may form an idea of the manner in which the charity is conducted, the following Rules and Orders are annexed :

R U L E S

FOR THE

GENERAL GOVERNMENT *of the* CHARITY.

I. THAT the Subscribers meet the second *Thursday* in *April* every year, at *six* o'clock in the afternoon, at the Rev. Mr. JAMES DORE's Meeting-house, *Maze-pond, Southwark*, to elect a Treasurer, chuse Managers, appoint Auditors, and examine the state of the school.

II. That a Treasurer be elected out of the Subscribers, to be alternately of each denomination, who shall give bond to *four* of the Managers, to appropriate what money he shall receive for the support of the school, as the majority of the Managers may direct, and pay the balance to the succeeding Treasurer.

III. That there be *twelve* Managers, *six* Pædo-baptists and *six* Anti-pædo-baptists, including

cluding *two* Ministers, one of each denomination: *six* of the said Managers are to continue a second year, and *six* new ones to be annually chosen. The Managers are to meet from time to time, to transact business, as circumstances may require.

IV. If any of the Managers be removed by death, or refuse to act, before the expiration of the year, the rest of the Managers shall have power to chuse others in their stead.

V. That the Auditors inspect the accounts of the Treasurer, within *three* months after the meeting in *April*, and order the balance in the hands of the late Treasurer to be paid to his successor.

VI. That every Boy, when admitted, be at least *nine* years of age, and capable of reading in the New Testament; and every Girl *eight* years of age.

VII. That no Child be continued in the school after *fourteen* years of age.

VIII. That when a Boy is put Apprentice, if the finances are sufficient, the Managers may
give

give a sum, not exceeding FORTY SHILLINGS, to the Master; but if no opportunity presents itself of putting a Boy Apprentice, when of age, to a proper Master, he may be continued a supernumerary *three* months; but if not provided with a Master in that time, he shall be excluded the benefit of the school.

IX. That the Children be supplied, by the Managers, with Spelling-books, Testaments, Bibles, Psalm-books, Catechisms, writing and cyphering Books, fireing, and all things necessary for the school.

X. That a Catechism be printed, agreeing with the Assembly's, omitting the ninety-fifth question respecting Baptism.

XI. That on the first convenient day after the annual cloathing, a Sermon be preached, and a collection be made on the occasion. Collections also are to be made at the Lecture, as often as the Managers may think proper.

XII. That every Person subscribing *Two Guineas* per annum, have a right, in turn, to present *two Children*; but a person who subscribes less, to present only *one Child* in rotation.

XIII. That every Lecturer have a right, in turn, to present a Child.

XIV. That on every vacancy, notice be given to the Person who has a right to the next presentation; and if no Child be presented within *three* meetings of the Managers, then the next Subscriber in course shall make a presentation.

XV. That Books be kept, in which shall be inserted the names of the Subscribers, the sums they subscribe, the time they presented, the names of the children, their ages when received, by whom recommended, and when discharged, with the reason thereof.

XVI. That the salary of the Master be *Fifty Guineas*, and the salary of the Mistress *Thirty Guineas*, a year.

When

When any Children are received, Copies of the following ORDERS are given to their Parents, which they are required strictly to observe :

I. THAT the Parents take care of the good behaviour of their children while at home, and either correct them for their faults themselves, or acquaint their Master or Mistress with them.

II. That they do not detain their children from school, in school-hours, except in case of sickness.

III. That they send their children clean washed and combed.

IV. That if they apprehend their children are neglected, or severely treated by the Master or Mistress, they are to make their complaints to the Managers.

V. That they take care their children attend at the school every Lord's Day, a quarter before *ten* in the morning, and *half past five* in the evening; and also that they attend public worship in the afternoon, at the Meeting-house appointed,

pointed, a quarter of an hour before the service begins.

VI. That if any Child be dismissed from the school for disobeying the orders, or for truancy, bad words, lying, or any improper behaviour; or be removed by the Parent, without the consent of the Managers, the child's clothes shall be returned, or the Parent pay *Forty Shillings* to the Treasurer for the time being.

A Form of Bequest.

N. B. Such as are disposed to leave any part of their personal estate, by will, for the benefit of the school, are desired to do it in the following form :

Item. *I A. B. do give and bequeath the sum of* _____ *unto the Treasurer for the time being, of the PROTESTANT DISSENTERS' CHARITY SCHOOL, instituted in 1714, at Horslydown, and which was moved to Maze-Pond, Southwark, in 1790: The said sum of* _____ *to be paid within* _____ *months next after my decease, out of my personal estate, to be applied to the uses and purposes of the said school.*

The Number of Children received, &c.

Boys put apprentice since the school was founded	- - - - -	} 452
Children discharged, and otherwise provided for, girls included	- - - - -	} 584
Boys now in the school	- - - - -	49
Girls now in the school	- - - - -	28

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